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Cover Photo

Into the Methodist Building on capital hill go four Methodist young people: Wayland Smith, Sue Martin, John Ed Francis and Barbara Ricks. Their destination is a meeting. On page 4 is the story about it.

Forum

ANSWERS TO AVENT

Sirs:

Re. George Avent's statement (Forum, 19 February CONCERN) about "friendship - in - one - hand - and - shield in - other" — has it not perhaps occurred to him that a Christian might work better if *both* hands were free to extend in loving service? Also, the fact that in modern warfare one holds not a shield (even in so-called "preparedness") but an atomic-powered sword?

I am afraid that Mr. Avent has confused pacifism, a very vital movement, with do-nothingness.

If one draws the logical conclusions from Mr. Avent's statements, then it seems that Jesus showed "gross irresponsibility" by not indicating that he possessed a "realistic understanding" of what *had* happened to people and to culture since Caesar's Rome *had* conquered the world!

Certainly I respect Mr. Avent's right to his own sincere beliefs, although I disagree with him wholeheartedly. It's just that I occasionally get a little weary of listening to non-pacifists who refuse to accord me that same respect for my right to *my* beliefs, and on such occasions I feel called upon to register my futile protests.

Pardon my intrusion—I'll now crawl back among my textbooks where I belong, and leave the practical world to Mr. Avent, or at least until final exams are over

Mary Lou Ames, Mo.

THE PRACTICAL WAY

Sirs:

I write in answer to Mr. Avent's letter. The Methodist Church has, to my knowledge, never been renowned for the impractability of its social outlook or action. Yet today important segments of the clergy and laity of the church, and many of its outsta ing leaders and spokesmen are c vinced and evangelical pacifists. beliefs of most of these men stem fr the pre-war period and thus withst the "trials" of the second World W many others acquired this belief as result of wartime observation or perience which convinced them t the only practical solution was pacifist one.

It is time we realized that the me ures which seem most practical realistic in terms of the common, se lar life of men are sometimes fo to be false and unworkable in terms the longer view of God's love. Christians we are committed to longer view of life and to actions c sistent with it. Jesus' choice in go to the cross rather than secretly le ing the city would hardly have loo "realistic" to the average citizen Jerusalem. But at the same time, experience and knowledge suggest t the pacifist and non-violent appro has been startlingly effective even the everyday, man-to-man level.

The hope of the world, huma speaking, lies with the Christians ing on a new and higher level, who derstand the basic impractability contradiction in extending one han acts of peace and love while holdin the other the shield and sword would like to see Christians use h hands in the work of peace and lo

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NEWS

hasis grows
ng Lent

day before last, worshippers at ark Methodist Church in Atlanta n the cover of their church bulle- picture of a book. It was *I Be-* by Nevin Harner. St. Mark's d everyone to know about the Emphasis in The Methodist h, and the current Lenten read- roject for Methodist Youth and leaders.

branches of the Methodist Pub- g House last week, orders for al- 20,000 copies of *I Believe* were up, waiting for a new printing e book to come from the press. s the country, individuals and s have been studying Christian 's for youth.

xt week, MYF groups will pin their plans for Easter observ- . Good Friday fasts and observ- will be held April 16 (see next of CONCERN for special sugges-). The Youth Department of the l of Education is urging the MYF ery local church to hold an Easter se service, April 18, as a special n Emphasis event to climax the ng and study of *I Believe*. A serv- repared by the Youth Department Easter morning is printed in this ERN, and reprints will be available e cent each from the Youth De- nent.

ntinuing goals of the Youth Em- s this spring are reaching new ers for the MYF and improving programs and meetings.

dent seminar
great week

see more hope in the churches in country than in anything else on olitical horizon today," Dr. Charles , Lebanon's minister to the U. S. representative in the U. N., told nts who attended the annual MSM tian citizenship seminar in New and Washington, February 14-20.

phasizing the positive call to tian leadership in politics, which he keynote of the seminar, Malik nued, "There is no hope for the unless Christians understand

In his Washington home, Charles Malik of Lebanon, his country's minister to the U. S. and representative in the U.N., spoke to two groups of Methodist young people. One week, his guests were the 50 students in the MSM citizenship seminar, and the next week came 51 youth and students in the NCMY seminar.

their responsibility . . . what Christ means and what his will is for the world and for individuals in the world."

In the MSM seminar were 50 students from colleges and universities across the country. For three days in New York the seminar studied the United Nations, was briefed by U.N. staff members and delegates from India and Pakistan. The seminar moved to Washington for three days of interviews with congressmen, a Supreme Court justice, State Department officials and members of foreign embassies in the capital.

Several issues which appeared again and again in the seminar were first mentioned opening night, when Richard T. Baker, Columbia University journalism professor, moderated a panel on Asia's changing perspective in a chang-

ing world. M. M. Thomas of India, an officer of the World's Student Christian Federation, and T. Takeuchi, professor at Kwansei Gakuin University in Japan, appeared on the panel. These men emphasized that the threat of communism in their countries comes from within, and that military defense is a "false concept." They pled for "basic social justice" in order to build a non-communistic world.

Seminar delegates heard the next day from U.N. agency officials about actual efforts to mete out social justice. UNESCO, UNICEF and technical assistance programs of the U.N. reach around the world.

O. Frederick Nolde told how the church is making its voice heard in international and national matters. Nolde is director of the ecumenical Commission of the Churches on International Affairs.

In Washington, former California congressman Jerry Voorhis suggested current issues for Christian concern: the misuse of natural resources, farm parities and control of farm production, the prevention of war and attainment of peace, and the allocation of power.

Delegates visited many congressmen, and as a group heard from Senator majority leader William F. Knowland, former House speaker Sam Rayburn, and New York congressman Jacob K. Javits. House Speaker Joseph Martin rounded out the list of top political leaders who met with the seminar.

On Friday night, seminar members stood among the marble pillars of the Lincoln Memorial (by special arrangement—it was after closing hours) for a period of worship and meditation. they returned to their hotel rooms t night, delegates were conscious t their week together had been a r privilege, a quick education in natio and world affairs, and a challenge concerned Christians.

Seminar plans were made by a s dent committee, chaired by Ben Bu of Union seminary. Staff guidance provided by Miss Dorothy Nyland, s dent secretary of the Board of Missi

50 more attended second NCMY seminar

A few folks were confused. Just a 50 Methodist students ended a citi ship seminar and went home, into N York, then Washington came anot group the same size—Methodist yo people in another seminar.

It was another seminar, with 51 M and MSM leaders brought togethe the National Conference of Metho Youth in its second U.N.-Washin project. Format of its program similar to that of the MSM semi but the people were different. So the dates: February 21-27. The gates came from 25 states, and of them were appointed delegate their conference MYFs or state M They centered attention on four ke sues: armaments, technical assist and economic aid, U. S. participati the U.N., and the preservation of freedoms.

Top speakers included Reinhold buhr of Union seminary, A. Wil Loos of the Church Peace Union, Fellowship of Reconciliation secre John Swomley. Newspaper colum

Nationally - known columnist Walter Lippman (left) talks with NCMY seminar interpreter Herman Will, Jr., Board of World Peace staff member, just before Lippman spoke to the seminar.

er Lippman spent an hour with the
p discussing current issues and
meaning.

Washington, the seminar heard
non representative Charles Malik
n informal meeting at his home.
odist Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam
Washington challenged the role of
ressional investigating committees
called for a change in their op-
ng procedures. He told the seminar
national and individual freedom
be the concern of Christian
chmen. After his address, Bishop
Mrs. Oxnam entertained the dele-
s in their Methodist Building home.

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smen were a bit surprised when a
nd group of young Methodists made
intments to discuss current issues.
get an inside look at the current
inistration, the seminar heard Re-
ican Senator John Sherman Cooper
Democratic Senator Paul H. Doug-
Delegates sat in the Senate gal-
s to watch voting on the contro-
ial proposals to amend the con-
ution.

t the end of the seminar, points of
ement among delegates seemed to
hese: the need for rules for con-
sional investigating committees,
port of technical assistance and eco-
ic aid, expansion of foreign trade,
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on to counteract a growing reces-
or readjustment, need for collec-
security and collective action
ugh the U. N., and support of the

hairman of the seminar was Ken-
n Thompson, Jr., student at Yale University and financial secretary of the NCMY. The seminar is an annual project of the NCMY in cooperation with the Board of World Peace, Board of Temperance, Board of Missions and Board of Education of The Methodist Church. (For a personal report, see page 6, "Thinking out the news.")

News in brief

◆ J. Ernest Wilkins, Chicago attorney and secretary of Methodism's Judicial Council, has been appointed by President Eisenhower as an assistant secretary of labor. If confirmed by the Senate, the prominent churchman will be the first Negro to be appointed to a cabinet or sub-cabinet post.

◆ United States Information Agency has made a new job—chief of religious policy, and appointed famed Indiana Quaker D. Elton Trueblood to fill it. Agency director Theodore Streibert said the appointment reflects "the importance this agency is now giving to our moral and spiritual heritage." He said the job is an effort to undergird "our whole set of convictions, the fundamental beliefs and values" we have.

◆ Millions of Christians in 118 countries joined together March 5 in the annual observance of the World Day of Prayer. An estimated 20,000 observances were held in the U. S. alone.

◆ First Ecumenical Work Camp of 1954 opens April 15 in a province north of Manila, Philippines. The camp is a pilot project in community education, sponsored jointly by the World Council of Churches, Philippine Church Federation, and UNESCO.

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Thinking out the news

Testimony from experience

Concern Feature

The most unforgettable week I ever "met"? . . . Well, if not, certainly something very close to it.

Thanks to the National Conference of Methodist Youth, this columnist spent a week in New York and the District of Columbia with 50-odd readers of CONCERN from all over the nation. The occasion: NCMY's Washington - U.N. Seminar.

A flood of memories, in review:

Seeing the United Nations at work . . . hearing Reinhold Niebuhr, Walter Lippmann, Charles Malik, State Department and U. N. representatives; peace group leaders like John Swomley (Fellowship of Reconciliation), A. William Loos (Church Peace Union), and Herman Will, assistant to Methodist Peace Board's Charles Boss . . . Wally Chappell's merry leadership in song . . . lively discussions and after-hour "bull sessions" with young thinkers like Yale's Ken Thompson (Seminar chairman) and NCMY President Dick Thompson . . . earnest, soul-searching conversation with deeply dedicated (or confusedly seeking) young people . . .

Trying to apply a considered Christian point of view to world problems —basic freedoms, economic aid, militarization, the U. N.—it was natural to find ourselves attending a meeting of the U.N. Trusteeship Council. We heard Republicans, Democrats, and independents analyze, attack or defend U.S. foreign policies. We listened to the evidences of growing congressional concern for fair procedures by investigating committees. We saw history made as Senator George's substitute for the Bricker Amendment (after a month's debate) was defeated by just one vote.

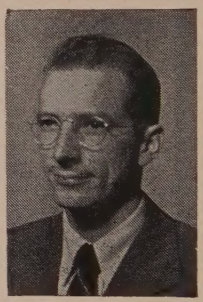
(Nope: we weren't there for the shooting . . .!)

But of all we saw and of all we heard; when all the master-minds were through stimulating our skull with ideas pro and con; there was on interview, in particular, that stood out It was a very "un-spectacular" one about a phase of the United Nation which somehow doesn't capture th front-page headlines.

The interview was on "Communit Development," a part of the work o the U.N. Secretariat on Technical A sistance. And just what was it?

A simple but faith-provoking stat ment—

The common people of the wor have time; ideas, loyalty, enthusiasn hopes, dreams, aspirations; knowled of their own special local conditio and resources. What they need, in mo cases, is not mon and modern m chinery (sometim handicaps), b simply encourag ment to do som thing together help their famili their communi their country; ul mately, their wor . . . This, fr Glenn Leet. He h been there: Kor India, Egypt, Thailand: he has se talked, helped, encouraged. He know



Nelson

Testimony from experience, th something striking a responsive cho in every Christian. For, indeed, it the keynote of our faith: *testimo from experience*. . . . And to what? the fact that man is created in t image of God.

Agreed: we saw ugliness in N York, in Washington—ugliness m rored from metropolitan streets, fr the schemings of men who seek powe not only in those cities but in all t world. But we also saw courage high places, in important places, *effective* places. Yes we saw man . *created* in the image of God.

—BY CLAUD NELSON, JR.

-- Like blazes!

e emcee was interviewing novelist Priestly over the British air. do you account for your rise to eights, Mr. Priestley," he queried, n so many of your classmates in alism seemed to show as much if more promise?" The author an- ed slowly, something like this: "As nyone else, I cannot say. I only *I cared like blazes!*"

ychology books and cold-blooded, hard-fact statistical experiments, attest that persons not so blessed as Mr. Priestley but with powerful motivations can achieve astonishingly. And when talent is fired, greatness results. Trouble with many of us, perhaps, is that we have several little lpiles rather than one fire glow- gloriously. Others start with con- ration of enthusiasm but burn out; enough fuel. As Browning knew, ks in hours of insight willed must n hours of gloom fulfilled."—*keep- on* caring like blazes.

ss Bowman

his is Lent . . . time for enkindling. as candles . . . light can glow as doth go. Bishop Cushman's prayer ntidote to that vapid ordinariness re "day after day, purposeless, ionless I go my way"—"*set me e, Lord, stir me, I pray.*" Answer questioning, questing world is ing for; rebuttal incontrovertible hose who criticize the church—"her k of fire all spent and gone, like dead moon she still shines on." An- r, light from the Sun shining ough lives. That's witness. Dr. ry P. Van Dusen in recent confer- e on Christianity and contemporary es speaks of "expanding religion shrinking morals." Yes, numbers up in the various churches; is life-witness not expanding?

Kindling one: *reading anew the life of the Life.* As Bill Gillham, faith chairman, St. Louis Conference, asks, "What is the captivating essence of our Christ which moves you so deeply during the Lenten season? What is it that will capture your imagination, move you to tears, and win your faith, confidence, and devotion? During the year we become engrossed with Jesus' teachings, his ethics, his social gospel. We get all 'wound up' in organizational and promotional programs of the church. Then comes the Lenten season. Emphasis not upon the Gospel, but *upon the Man who lived it!*"

Kindling two: *believing* our beliefs. We read and discuss "I Believe." We "accept." Do we believe with our purses? A man formerly known as miserly gave surprisingly in the Week of Dedication. "Got so much religion inside," he explained, "I couldn't look after my personal interests as before." Don't give till it hurts, give till it feels good. Don't believe like assembling pieces of wood in a pile, *light* the whole business! Prayer is belief *in motion;* service is belief *alive.* Reason is faith courageous. Action is courage dedicated. Service is love applied.

Kindling three: *repenting.* "Being so sorry for our sins we are willing to *quit.*" Dying to the wrong impulses or motive. Like twigs *burning*—up.

Kindling four: *glowing.* Not of our own will, but *letting* light shine. Dedicating self; answering tap-on-shoulder. Miss Alpharetta Leeper counseling student considering agricultural missions, asked, "Is it an *interest* you feel, or an urgency?"

Of some early Christians it was written that they were as torches lighting the way. Bound to poles and set aflame, they pierced the darkness of all time with living light. Do we care—like blazes?

—BY CLARICE M. BOWMAN

Easter opportunity

Easter presents the Methodist Youth Fellowship with the opportunity of leading the entire church in a pilgrimage to the empty tomb in the garden to sing with Christians of every age: "Christ the Lord is risen today. . . ."

In many Methodist churches a beautiful tradition has arisen for the young people of the MYF to take leadership in arranging for the Easter sunrise service for the entire church. Near Easter dawn, youth with their families and friends will gather in churches across the United States to worship the God of the risen Christ and to join in the joyous songs of Easter. As the shadows lift and the hazy fog of morning begins to clear away, young people will assemble in their churches to make certain that all is in readiness for the service of thanksgiving and praise.

Now is the time to arrange for your Easter sunrise service. Careful plans should be made. Be certain to work with your minister as you make your plans. Arrange for all of the young people in your church to have a part in the responsibilities. Appoint committees to carry a share of the load. Help the whole church to understand that this is their service and is not just for young people. Invite the whole community to take part. BUT—be sure that you and your friends of the MYF have thought through clearly what the message of Easter will be, what the unique announcement signifies for the present-day world. Be certain that you have made the finest preparation for the service . . . drama or speakers, choir or solos, reading of the scripture, ushers, candles and flowers . . . all carefully planned to make the Easter sunrise service an unforgetable experience of worship and praise.

Ewing

• • • Easter Sunrise is an opportunity to join with seekers in every age . . . to share in the pilgrimage of homage with Mary and Peter and John . . . to the tomb of Jesus in the garden. They walked as a grief-ridden group. He was buried in the tomb. Their leader had been crucified. Their early mission was a mission of love and duty. We share in that mission in the sunrise worship.

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• • • Easter Sunrise is an opportunity for discovery. The greatest news in history was announced in the garden: death does not stop life! Love is too great to die! The angel asked them the significant question: "Why seek ye the living among the dead?"

• • • Easter Sunrise is an opportunity to experience the joyousness of Christianity. Beside the empty tomb the words of Jesus become meaningful: "Be of good cheer, I have overcome the world. . . . I came that they might have life and have it abundantly. . . ." To all who follow him he declares: "Because I live, ye shall live also."

Your MYF has a real opportunity to bring a message of vital spiritual significance to all of the people in your church and community.

There never was a time when there was greater need for the Easter message to be clearly, joyously, and confidently announced to the world than on Easter, 1954. For many faith glow low. Millions are starving in the midst of plenty, clamoring for clothes, seeking a refuge for a home. Countless others with full pocketbooks are still questioning for security. The Christian Church needs to raise its voice in joyous song: "Christ the Lord is RISEN Today!"—BY HAROLD W. EWING

CUES

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e-settle refugees

hat can we do?"
w many times a year do Meth- ask each other that question? an's Societies of Christian Serv- Methodist Youth Fellowships, lay- church school classes, everybody s to do something in the name of t and the church. Hardly a group y local church misses sponsoring special enterprise each year.

ough there is always more to be in the name of Christ than there rganizations to do it, local church os often have difficulty in finding w and important project to un- ke. Quite often they settle for ob- , at-hand opportunities and fail alize the wider needs in the world ristian service.

e Methodist Committee for Over- Relief is now embarking on a pro- for one of these wider needs . . . ogram which cannot be success- carried out without the coopera- of Methodist church groups ghout the country.

the Methodist effort in a national rtaking, MCOR plans to resettle refugees and expellees in the ed States. These 5000 are part of 209,000 refugees whom Congress to admit under the Refugee Re- Act of 1953.

hey will be people driven out of homes by the political and eco- c upheaval shaking the world. In instances, they will be people ed to flee in order to live; in oth- people determined to establish themselves and their children the dom which we as Christians and Americans hold so high. In all s, they will be people who need in re-building their lives.

COR's role in the re-building will mainly that of a contact . . . a ns of acquainting the refugees and needs with Methodists and their rosities. It will be up to local rch organizations and individuals rovide the job opportunities, hous- facilities, and moral and spiritual uragements needed to establish these prospective Americans in towns where they will become most useful citizens.

The Committee will provide all the legal assistance necessary in the re-settlement. It will also provide prospective sponsors with information concerning refugees who will most nearly fit the specified conditions of the community. In addition, MCOR will underwrite the required assurances, thus sharing in the responsibility.

Methodist groups or individuals who would like a part in this opportunity may receive detailed information by writing Miss Elizabeth M. Lee, Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief, 150 Fifth Avenue, New York 11.

Creeds men live by --

DESPAIR is a strange cult that feeds on misery. Its followers shun all responsibility for hope and joy in this world, for after all, "What's the use, you can't teach an old world new tricks."

For all MYFs

Youth Emphasis Service

Fairest Lord Jesus

A Service for Easter Morning

A VOICE: Christ is risen! Hallelujah!

Now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the first-fruits of them that slept.

Break forth into joy, sing together, ye waste places of Jerusalem: for the Lord hath comforted his people.

HYMN (No. 102, *The Methodist Hymnal*):

"Glorious now behold Him arise
King and God and Sacrifice;
Alleluia, Alleluia!
Sounds thro' the earth and skies."

QUIET MUSIC (*instrumental or humming*): "Fairest Lord Jesus," No. 111, *The Methodist Hymnal.*

CALL TO WORSHIP: O come, let us sing unto the Lord: let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation. Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving, and make a joyful noise unto him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God.

O come, let us worship and bow down: let us kneel before the Lord our maker.

For he is our God; and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

SCRIPTURE: O Lord, our Lord, how excellent is thy name in all the earth! who has set thy glory above the heavens.

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but ha[ve] everlasting life.

O Lord, our Lord, how excelle[nt] is thy name in all the earth!

I will praise thee, O Lord, wi[th] my whole heart; I will shew for[th] all thy marvelous works.

I will be glad and rejoice [in] thee, I will sing praise to t[hy] name, O thou most High.

LEADER: Holy, holy, holy, is t[he] Lord of hosts, his majestic spl[en]dor fills the whole earth![1]

HYMN: (No. 1, *The Metho[dist] Hymnal*):

"Holy, holy, holy!
Lord God almighty!
Early in the morning
Our song shall rise to thee;
Holy, holy, holy!
Merciful and mighty!
God in Three Persons,
Blessed Trinity.

RESPONSIVE LITANY:

Bring, O Morn, thy music!
Bring, O Night, thy hushes!
Oceans, laugh the rapture to [the]
storm winds coursing free!
Suns and stars are singing, T[hou]
art Creator
**Who wert, and art, and everm[ore]
shall be!**
Life and Death, thy creatu[res]
praise thee, Mighty Giver!
Praise and prayer are rising [from]
thy beast and bird and tree:
Lo! they praise and vanish, va[n]
ish at thy bidding,—
**Who wert, and art, and evermo[re]
shall be!**
Light us! lead us! love us! cry t[o]
groping nations,

ling in the thousand tongues
c naming only thee,
ving blindly out thy holy
ppy purpose,—
wert, and art, and evermore
all be!

nor Death can part us, O
ou Love Eternal,
lherd of the wandering star
d souls that wayward flee!
eward draws the spirit to thy
irit yearning,—
wert, and art, and evermore
all be![2]

AYER: O Lord! thou greater
our thoughts of thee. Thou
o us more than we can speak.
u dost also transcend our ut-
conception. All of thy name
we can frame into words is
little; and all of thee that we
frame into emotions is still
little; and all of thee that we
conceive of thee by the imagi-
on is yet but very little. Be-
our thoughts and feelings
conceptions thou dost stretch
essly and boundlessly. We
toward thee as men look
rd the morning. Thou art our
. In thee our life is hid.[3]

EDITATION: The Apostle Paul
e wrote to his fellow Christ-
, "Your life is hid with Christ
God." In that statement he
ified the experience of all fol-
ers of Jesus and, more import-
the actual experience of
us himself. His life had been
in God. Out of the depths of
own relationship with God
ed all that he spoke and did.

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he majestic integrity of God.
never questioned God's un-
nomed holiness, nor ever im-
d by thought or action that
n might consider him less than
y beyond all imagination. The
ver of Jesus' commitment lay
his recognition of God's vast-
ness and yet God's nearness too. God the Holy and Eternal One was also the yearning Father. It was this God, the tender and loving Father, in whom men might find their complete fulfillment.

This recognition of the unchanging qualities of God provides the foundation for everything else. No combination of circumstances can alter it. It becomes the center of man's living; the point of gravitation. "From everlasting thou art God to endless years the same."

LEADER: Before the Creator of Heaven and earth, the father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we bow in awe and adoration.

"Hail to the great Creator
Almighty in his power,
Who plans, as the Lord of seasons,
Each day and each coming hour,
He sends the snow in winter,
Renews all life in spring;
Summer and autumn yield their fruits;
And nature owns him king."

HYMN:

"Fairest Lord Jesus,
Ruler of all nature,
O Thou of God and man the Son
Thee will I cherish,
Thee will I honor,
Thee, my soul's Glory, Joy, and Crown."

LEADER:

"Hail to the great Creator,
Who rules on Nature's throne,
Who scatters the seeds for planting
With winds from the heavens blown.
He rules his vast creations,
All nature's laws he gives;
Praise we the Lord in grateful song,
Our Lord who ever lives."

HYMN:

"Fair are the meadows,
Fairer still the woodlands,

Robed in the blooming garb of spring.
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer,
Who makes the woeful heart to sing."

LEADER:

"Hail to the great Creator,
Eternal mighty One;
Who holds in the vault of heaven,
The stars and the moon and the sun,
They shine in all their splendor,
They chant their Maker's praise;
Wonder and glory, power divine,
They tell through endless days."

HYMN:

"Fair is the sunshine,
Fairer still the moonlight,
And all the twinkling starry host:
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer
Than all the angels heaven can boast."

LEADER:

"Hail to the great Creator,
Eternal living Lord
Who speaks and the tides of oceans
Roll on his mighty word.
He clothes the grass and lilies,
He gives the birds their songs;
Waft on the winds our praise to him
To whom all praise belongs."[4]

PRAYER OF DEDICATION: O Thou who hast ordered this wondrous world, who knoweth all things in earth and heaven, so fill o hearts with trust in thee that night and day, at all times a in all seasons we may with fear commit all that we have a hope to be to thy never-faili love, for this life and the life come.

O God, who through the res rection of Jesus Christ has fr us from the power of darkn and brought us into the kingd of thy love; grant, we beseec thee, that, as by his death he l recalled us into life, so by abiding presence he may bring to the joys eternal; through h who for our sakes died and r again, and is ever with us power, the same Jesus Christ, Lord. Amen.[5]

HYMN: "Come Let Us T Our Loftiest Song," No. 21, *Methodist Hymnal.*

BENEDICTION:

LEADER—The Lord bless you keep you:

GROUP—The Lord make his f to shine upon you, and be g ious unto you.

LEADER AND GROUP — The L lift up his countenance u you, and give you peace.

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1. Isaiah 6:3. Moffatt
2. William Channing Gannett
3. Henry Ward Beecher
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5. The Book of Worship

This sunrise service for Easter morning is part of the Youth Emphasis. It is the goal to have each Methodist Youth Fellowshp in the church hold an Easter sunrise service.

This service may be used indoors or out of doors. Soloists, choir or chorus and orchestra may be used; or the entire service may be done by congregational singing. If the service is o out of doors, a simple rustic cross be sufficient in addition to the natu setting.

Copies of the service, in four-pag folder form suitable for congregatio use, are available at one cent (1¢) ea from the Youth Department, P. O. Bo 871, Nashville 2, Tenn., cash with orde Ask for No. 2409-C.

F task force
ks for community

"GI party" held by Methodist g people made news in Worches- Mass.

me 75 MYFers from churches in Worchester District spent a day what they could for people id town. When they finished—73 ows at the Lutheran Home for Aged gleamed with a new lustre; could almost see your face in the at the Memorial Home for the l; old toys were converted new children in several orphanages nospitals; and some undone chores completed at a Home for Aged and Aged Women.

e project was a brainstorm of ey Jones, district MYF president. district had sponsored work par- before, but never on such a big . Rodney told reporters it was a essful project.

id district counselor, Rev. Norman rson, said the day's work helped MYFers as much as those they ed.

urch parties
re town youth

ver in Lawrenceville, Va., local h grumbled a little because they no place to go after ball games. y wanted to gather around cokes sandwiches before they went home, drug stores were all closed. So the ial board of the Methodist church d a suggestion that the church be after ball games. The church might furnish cold pop and the congregation put up sandwiches, popcorn, and potato chips. The board said o.k. and appropriated money to make it go. School authorities gave their approval.

When basketball season opened, the Lawrenceville Methodist church was ready. The school principal invited the entire student body, and the MYF president invited the team and visitors from out of town. That first night, 137 hungry youth descended on the church and stayed until 11:15.

Parties continued through basketball season, and this year they were held for football and basketball seasons. After the three seasons, the church estimates it has entertained 2,957 young people at its parties.

Pastor Richard G. Pullen says it takes work and food, but it gives youth a decent place to go, gives them a chance to "calm down" after the excitement, brings together opposing teams, coaches and referees under pleasant conditions, breaks the "win and lose" spirit, lets youth know the church is interested in them, brings rival towns into better relations, and may have saved some girl or boy.

It isn't an experiment with the Methodists in Lawrenceville. It works!

MYF in action

MYFers go to Reno

It is news in Reno, Nev., the wild town, when Methodist youth descend on

ne floor scouring rtet from the Wor- ter, Mass. District F is working on the norial Home for the d. They are Robert x, Gayle Jones, llis Coderre and Lil- Rivers. They are of a big district ect. (See story ve.)

the town for an MYF convention. The 200 kids set up a chuck wagon for eats, had methods groups, MYFund presentations and a weekend of study on the Protestant heritage under the theme "A Mighty Fortress."

Most significant thing: in Nevada are only 12 Methodist churches and only eight MYFs. To get 200 out for a district convention is really a turnout.

Liz Panzer of Sacramento was elected district president.

Scouting brings life of adventure

For a life of high adventure, Dwight Parrott of Lancaster, S. C. has followed scouting trails since his ninth birthday.

He has earned Webelos badge, the highest achievement in cubbing, the Eagle scout badge with 66 additional merit badges, the emergency service Explorer badge, a patrol leader's responsibility at the Valley Forge national jamboree of 1950, a brotherhood member's responsibility in the Order of the Arrow (next to the highest rank), three Lincoln medals for walking the Kentucky Lincoln trail (36 miles long), the Indiana Lincoln trail (18 miles long) and the Illinois Lincoln trail (20 miles). His church presented him a Methodist Landmarks award for his "outstanding interest in early American Methodism." He read about Methodist landmarks and visited many. He walked the Francis Asbury trail near Lake Junaluska, N. C., a 23-mile stretch. He has been given the "God and Country" scouting award. His classmates at Lancaster High last year chose him as "King Teen" of the school.

Parrott

He is planning to be a Methodist minister, and now is studying in his freshman year at Methodist Wofford College, Spartanburg, S. C. Scouting has taken this Methodist youth a long, long way.

MYF Roundup

◆ Binghamton, N. Y. District M... at its booth festival gave a total ... $6337.24 with $2305.12 of that be... in produce. All the produce goes ... the Wyoming Conference childre... home and the cash is divided betw... the home and the conference center ... Sky Lake, Windsor, N. Y.

◆ Some 500 MYFers attended ... two-day West Virginia Conference c... vocation at Huntington March 12-... Theme of the meeting was "Witne... Youth Department staff member ... gyle Knight was main speaker.

◆ Breckenridge, Mich. MYF mad... tape recording of its youth visitat... team at work, then played the rec... ing at a subdistrict rally to illustr... how effective visitation should ... done.

◆ Centenary College senior M... Jane Hitchcock, also an NCMY co... cil member, was inspirational spea... for 800 youth from 41 charges in ... Baton Rouge, La. District MYF r... February 15. Rally theme was "W... About Jesus?"

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y next week

report booklet of the quadren- National Methodist Student Con- e, held over Christmas holidays wrence, Kans., is due off the press week, according to report editor row Geier.

booklet has a color cover and 00 photos taken at the conference. ntains a report of the program, s of speeches, features and stories people and events, and a complete ory of students, counselors and s.

report will be mailed free to registered delegate to the confer- and additional copies are avail- at $1 each from the Department of ge and University Religious Life, Box 871, Nashville 2.

communion offering taken at the ence conference on New Year's totaled $1,222. The executive com- e of the National Methodist Stu- Commission voted to send $500 for World's Student Christian Federa- $500 for the United Student tian Council, and $222 for ecumen- work camps overseas through the h Department of the World Council urches.

M plans now
regionals

spring slips in, campus student ps are thinking about summer. ents have gone through the sum- service directory in the February of *motive*, seeking jobs and ser- opportunities. This month and next, I councils will be urging their key ers to make time for a summer I regional training conference.

eme for the regionals this year nues the emphasis of Lawrence, Campus Predicament and the stian Corrective." Dates and leader- for the regionals have just been unced.

Epworth Forest, Ind., June 12-19, Samuel D. Proctor of the School eligion at Virginia Union Univer- will be platform speaker. Dean be Eugene Ransom of the Univer- of Michigan Wesley Foundation.

r. Gerald O. McCulloh of the Metho- Board of Education will be plat-

MSM in action

Nancy Walton studies a Don Dye poster emphasizing the theme of religious emphasis week at West Virginia Wesleyan. On the "What's Next?" theme, students scheduled discussions on war and peace, Christianity or chaos, marriage, vocations. Worship speaker was Dr. Amos A. Thornburg, pastor of First church, Hollywood, Calif.

form speaker at the Camp Casowasco, N. Y. regional, June 9-16. Dean will be Herbert Picht, Allegheny College.

Princeton Seminary professor Emile Cailliet will be speaker for the regional at Lake Junaluska, N. C., June 8-15, and dean, R. Harold Hipps, W. Market Street church, Greensboro, N. C.

Two regionals are scheduled for August 28-September 4, Mt. Sequoyah, Ark. and Lake Poinsett, S. D. At Sequoyah Carl Michalson of Drew Seminary will speak and Ferris Baker, Wesley Foundation at Denton, Tex. will be dean. At Poinsett, platform leader will be Everett Tilson, Vanderbilt School of Religion professor, and dean, Paul Jaquith, Wisconsin Wesley Foundation. August 29-September 5 the western regional will be held at Lake Tahoe, Calif. with Mack Stokes of Emory speaking and Robert Schlager of Berkley as dean.

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ONE OF US

An Iowa minister had been conducting worship services at a mental institution in a number of visits.

The grateful matron thanked him one day with a real burst of appreciation, saying, "Dr. Blank, we're so glad to have you come out here so much. I want you to know that we have come to feel that you are just one of us!"

HOLD MY QUARTER

A little boy came up to a woman sitting beside a swimming pool.
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"Yes," she said.
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